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BOOK REVIEW

Common Skin Diseases. By A. C. Roxburgh. 11th Edition, 1958. Pp. xxiv + 496, 215 illus., 8 col. plates. Lewis, London. (37s. 6d.).

Anyone who has studied or reviewed this textbook will find no difficulty in understanding its great popularity with students and practitioners and will know why it has already reached the eleventh edition since its first appearance in 1932.

It is of moderate size yet expertly designed and tailored to give the greatest possible help to students in the diagnosis and treatment of the "common skin diseases" which, after all, form 95 per cent. of the material seen either in clinic or in general practice. In keeping pace with recent advances considerable changes have been made to the sections on antibiotics and steroids, particularly affecting the treatment of tubercle of the skin, dermatitis herpetiformis, rosacea, and lupus erythematosus. Many new drugs have brought their side-effects with them to add to our problems, and drug eruptions (*e.g.*

Streptomycin, Mepacrine, and particularly the purpuric eruption of Carbromal) now form some of the commonest rashes seen in out-patient clinics. An excellent Table of the principal types of drug eruption, with many new additions, is included.

A completely rewritten chapter on venereal disease has been contributed by Dr. C. S. Nicol. Of necessity, in a textbook of dermatology, the consideration of syphilis is limited to the main features of its pathology and cutaneous lesions. This is an excellent chapter and the illustrations are first-class, as, indeed, they are throughout the book.

Many additions have been made in step with the increasing tempo of modern therapeutics but the stress on the importance of observation and on differential diagnosis, in fact the fundamental virtues of the book, happily remain unchanged. This eleventh edition more than maintains the high standards of its predecessors and its continued popularity is assured.

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